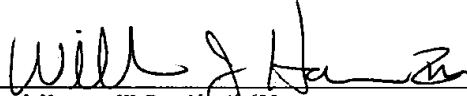


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1. I, Stephen P. Sample, am the Vice President of Engineering at Monterey Design Systems, Inc. ("Monterey Design"), which is located at 894 Ross Drive, Suite 200, Sunnyvale, California 94089. I have been employed at Monterey Design since March 2001.

2. A true and correct copy of *Pileggi, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,286,128) is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The first page of *Pileggi, et al.* indicates that *Pileggi, et al.* was filed on June 12, 1998 and issued on September 4, 2001.

3. All rights in the application for *Pileggi, et al.* and the resulting *Pileggi, et al.* patent were assigned to Monterey Design by September 1998. A true and correct copy of the assignment of these rights is attached hereto as Exhibit B

4. Monterey Design has maintained complete ownership of all rights in *Pileggi, et al.* at all times.

5. The above-identified patent application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/632,494) was filed on August 3, 2000. A true and correct copy of the filing receipt for the above-identified application is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

6. All inventors of the invention in the above-identified application were under an obligation to assign the invention to Monterey Design at the time the invention was made. Each inventor executed an agreement with Monterey Design prior to the filing date of the application and the making of the invention that acknowledged this obligation. Monterey Design has maintained complete ownership of these rights in the above-identified application at all times subsequent to the execution of these inventor agreements.

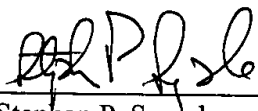
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